

The recent order by the U.S.'s largest broadcaster, Sinclair Broadcasting, which mandates that all 62 of its stations must air a documentary that attacks a presidential candidate just days before an election, should be a wakeup call on how media consolidation damages, not serves, the public interest.

Sinclair's action is a good example of large companies taking advantage of our free public airwaves to serve their its own interests, which is not what the law was intended to do, and undermines democracy.

And Sinclair has undermined that law further by not providing enough news that informs the public about their own local communities.

I hope Sinclair's behavior awakens Americans and the FCC to the need to strengthen media ownership rules, not tear them down, and to hold broadcasters accountable by their actions when it is time for their licenses to be renewed. Thank you.